(*c*) if the answer to sub-division (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to consider to amend the rules in the interests of efficiency so as to give preference to Higher Grade Certificate holders in future recruitments of typists, provided communal justice is not upset?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It has not been specifically included.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*a*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* My question has not been answered with reference to sub-division (*b*). I have asked why it has not been incorporated in the rules.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Because that rule was not abrogated. The rule is there that in the case of initial recruitment preference should be given to persons possessing higher qualifications. The rule comes into existence only when initial appointments are made. Therefore, it was not included.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In the matter of initial appointments made on the same date, other qualifications being equal, will preference be given to those who have passed the higher grade examination?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* In the first place, this is a hypothetical question. Suppose both of them join on the same day and if one possesses a higher qualification, other things being equal, nothing prevents the Board from giving preference to the man with higher qualifications even under the existing rules.

SAHAKARANA PRABHODINI—PATRONAGE BY GOVERNMENT

250. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of copies of the 'Sahakarana Prabhodini' the Government (including the various Departments) are subscribing for; the total amount so spent for subscription to this journal;

(*b*) whether educational institutions are getting down this journal at Government expense;

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(*c*) the donation given to the Cochin Central Co-operative Institute Ltd., Trichur, by Government in 1114 and 1115 (separately to be shown);

(*d*) whether the journal 'Sahakarana Prabhodini' is political journal; whether in the declaration filed by the publishers of this journal before the District Magistrate, it is stated that it deals with political matters also;

(*e*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has issued any Circular to the Co-operative Societies to subscribe to this journal, (if so, the date and contents of the circular or order may be placed on the table);

(*f*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the articles under the following headlines appearing in Volume XIII No. 6 (1115 Meenam issue) of this paper (1) "[illegible]" (page 125), (2) "[illegible]" (page 129), (3) "[illegible]" (Page 141)?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 10 copies are supplied to the following Departments.

Secretariat	.. ..	1 copy
Registrar of Co-operative Societies		1 ,,
Director of Agriculture	..	1 ,,
Director of Public Health and Panchayats	.. ..	1 ,,
Director of Industries	..	1 ,,
G. I. Schools	.. ..	5 ,,

Subscription towards the above 10 copies per annum is Rs. 30.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In 1114 .. .. Rs. 600
In 1115 .. .. Rs. 600

(*d*) No; No.

(*e*) Yes. Copies of Circular No. 2/15, dated 31st October 1939 and M. 2032/15, dated 7th January 1940 are placed on the Council Table.

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas- Talappalli):* Sir, May I know whether Government have noted that these articles are of a political nature and contain comments on the political activities of parties in this Council?

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Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Whatever is contained therein, you can see. It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is stated that *the Sahakarana Prabodhini* is not a political journal and it is being financed by the Government by subscribing for copies and also by giving donation to the organisation which conducts that paper. Here, from the articles which are being published, it is seen that it is a party organisation doing propaganda work and for such political work Government is contributing. Can the Government countenance that attitude?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is this Cochin Central Co-operative Institute part of the Government? Is it a Government Institution?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There was a sort of reference about the no-confidence motion which was moved in this House during the last Meenam meeting and the Editor had commented supporting the party in power.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Government is contributing to any political journal with money?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Does the Government think that this particular journal to which the Government is contributing is a political journal?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not considered as a political journal.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government continue to contribute if it turns out to be a political journal?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Of course, at times it may contain some sort of comment on such current topics.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Do Government realise that the discussion about the no-confidence motion and such matters are of a political character?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is a matter of opinion.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* My point is whether the Government would continue to subscribe, if it is a political journal.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That will be considered by Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does the Government subscribe to *the Hindu* and *the Mail*?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ: Political papers നു് ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് subscribe ചെയ്യുവാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നുള്ള വല്ല നിബന്ധനയുമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Generally, it is not.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* We want to be definite. We want to know whether the Government is contributing to the journal on the distinct understanding that it is not a political journal.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government): The Hindu* and *the Mail* also are publishing news which are of a political nature.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is not a question of objection to the subscribing. The State will find necessity for that. The question is whether it is advisable to encourage a paper which smuggles politics into co-operation.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Do Government think that the introduction of politics into this journal is beneficial to the co-operative movement of the State?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It requires consideration. It is also a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* I am extremely sorry that all these are being left as matters of opinion. What I want to point out is that, if it is going to be a party political organisation, we should know whether Government are contributing to that paper with that knowledge.

Mr. President: We are not contributing. We are only subscribing for ten copies giving 30 rupees a year.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* No. A sum of Rs. 600 is being given as a lump grant to the Co-operative

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Institute which is conducting this paper. They have no other activity excepting this.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is an independent body and it does not come under the Government. Government have no control over it.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is under the Registrar and the Registrar has issued circulars to all the societies to subscribe to this journal.

Mr. President: Is it under the Co-operative Budget that the grant is given to the society?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. President: Then, it is for the Minister to see.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It has not been brought to my notice, and it is for the first time that I hear of this.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* We are not imputing any motive to the Minister. We are only saying that it is detrimental to the co-operative movement in the State.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If they have gone beyond the limits, I will certainly give the necessary instructions. The difficulty is that these matters do not come to my notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it a party journal as alleged?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* We did not allege that it is a party journal. But party politics are discussed in it to the detriment of the co-operative movement.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* This is intended for propaganda for the development of co-operation in the State. That, I understand, is the work of this Institute.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* We want co-operation not to suffer because of party politics.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I will look into the matter. It has not come to my notice at all till now.

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